THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per the existing policy, LPG facility is being provided in all areas of the country, under Marketing Plans, covering places with a population of 20,000 and above offering viable distributorships and subject to overall availability of the product, in a phased manner. Allotment of LPG distributorships is made through prescribed procedure of selection by Oil Selection Boards.

(c) Approximately 15.45 lakhs as on 1-1-1993.

(d) The number of potential LPG customers on the waiting lists maintained by the distributors in Tamil Nadu is about 9.53 lakhs as on 1-1-1993.

(e) Efforts are being made to release maximum possible number of new connections subject to the availability of the product.

**Request from the GEB for Gas Supply to Power Station**

1890. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH :
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN :
SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Oil and Natural Gas Commission has received any request from the Gujarat Electricity Board for the resumption of gas supply for its 135 MW gas-based power station;

(b) if so, what are the details of the request made by Gujarat Electricity Board;

(c) what is the decision taken by Oil and Natural Gas Commission in the matter; and

(d) by when the gas supply is likely to be resumed to Gujarat Electricity Board ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA) : (a) and (b) Gujarat Electricity Board had requested for resumption of supply of gas to the Uttran Power Station which had been interrupted as a result of non-payment of dues to ONGC.

(c) Gas supplies have since been resumed on part payment by GEB of ONGC's dues.

(d) Does not arise.

**Clearance of Natural Gas Projects of Tripura**

1891. SHRI SUDHIR RANJAN MAJUMDAR : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Natural Gas Projects for Tripura cleared so far;

(b) whether these will be set up in Public Sector or Private Sector;

(c) what progress has been made in getting the clearance to set up the industries; and

(d) by when the gas based industries are likely to come up there ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA) : (a) to (d) Approximately 1.75 MMSCMD of gas has been allocated to various consumers in Tripura, including some power stations in the public sector, a CNG Project in the public sector, for domestic supply and some industries in the private sector.

**Allotment of Gas to Power Projects in Gujarat**

1892. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Gujarat has requested to allocate natural gas for power projects to the Centre;

(b) if so, what is the latest position of the natural gas allotted for the power projects in Gujarat;

(c) what is the quantum of gas allocated for industries purpose;

(d) what is the quantum of natural gas available on the offshore gas fields; and